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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Income-tax is a Union subject and as such the question relating to the amount of income-tax collected from the Madras State can be properly asked only in Parliament, as the executive powers of the State Government do not extend to such matters. In view of this constitutional position, it is regretted that the figures cannot be furnished here.

" (b) The present Madras State received a sum of Rs. 306·76 lakhs for the second six months of 1953–54 as its share of the income-tax proceeds assigned to the States. The credit anticipated in the current year is Rs. 5,67 lakhs."

Water-supply scheme for Tindivanam

* 1274 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether at the instance of the Tindivanam Municipality, South Arcot district, the Government have recommended to the Union Government the inclusion of the water-supply scheme of that municipality in the National Water-supply and Sanitation Schemes?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Repairs to irrigation works in Gingee taluk

* 1275 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) to how many irrigation works, in Gingee taluk, repairs were undertaken and carried out in 1954; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—

" (a) Repairs undertaken in 1953–54 56

Repairs carried out in 1953–54 (i.e., completed) 30

" (b) Rs. 45,635."

Anadhamandhiram, Kozhikode

* 1276 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) What, if any, is the grant given annually by Government to the Kozhikode Anadhamandiram;

(b) whether the Government have approved this institution as a Vigilance Home; and

(c) whether any court proceedings have been taken against the authorities of this institution for alleged wrongful confinement of girls?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative. (The Poor Homes Society has been authorized to run a Rescue Home only. There is no Vigilance Home under the Society.)

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative."

Hostels bearing caste names

* 1277 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued instructions to the effect, that the hostels, which are maintained or subsidized by Government should change their names, if they denote any caste; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No Sir. The Director of Harijan Welfare has issued such instructions.

" (*b*) The Director apparently felt that a caste appellation would tend to perpetuate the caste system and keep those whom the subsidies are intended to benefit in a separate compartment instead of uplifting them and merging them with the general population as an integral part thereof."

Vikravandi Lower Anicut road

* 1278 *Q.*—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to transfer the portion of the Vikravandi Lower Anicut road from Panruti to Sethiathope (miles 110 to 135) to the Highways Department?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A proposal to take over the Vikravandi Lower Anicut Road from mile 109–4–0 to 132–0–0 from the control of the South Arcot District Board, is under the consideration of the Government. The portion of the road beyond mile 132/0 up to mile 142/0 is already under the control of the Government."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" What is the policy underlying this transfer? Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring all the major roads under the control of the district boards to the Highways Department? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The policy of the Government is to take over all the major roads under the control of the district boards. There are roughly 3,000 miles remaining to be taken over and it is proposed to take over only 300 miles this year."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI :—" Will the Government be pleased to consider the proposal to construct a causeway on the abovementioned road over the river Panaiyar? "